

# Fireworks Safety Tips

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- ◆ Never let children handle, play with, or light fireworks without adult supervision.
- ◆ Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from the reach of children
- ◆ Always purchase fireworks from reliable, licensed dealers.
- ◆ Use a clear, open area and keep the audience at a safe distance from the shooting site.
- ◆ Do not attempt to make or alter any fireworks or fireworks device.
- ◆ Only light one firework at a time and never attempt to re-light or fix a “dud” firework.
- ◆ Have a fire extinguisher, water supply, hose or bucket of water nearby.
- ◆ Use extreme caution when lighting fireworks in the wind. Keep spectators where the wind is blowing away from them.
- ◆ Never smoke or consume alcohol when lighting fireworks.

## Additional Information

- ◆ Sparklers burn at anywhere between 1200-1800 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to melt glass.
- ◆ Glow sticks make for an excellent alternative to sparklers, especially for young children.
- ◆ In 2012, more than 36% of firework-related injuries in Indiana were to children under the age of 18.
- ◆ Fireworks can only be purchased by persons 18 years of age or older.

**Check with your local officials if you have any further questions about acceptable firework usage in your area, as local ordinances may further restrict usage.**